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Budget for the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In its resolution 1479 (2003) of 13 May 2003, the Security Council decided to establish the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire (MINUCI) for an initial period of six months, with a mandate to facilitate the implementation by the Ivorian parties of the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement (S/2003/99, annex I).

2. In his report of 16 September 2003 (A/58/370), the Secretary-General presented the proposed budget for MINUCI for the period 13 May 2003-30 June 2004, amounting to $29,881,700 gross ($28,401,100 net). The Secretary-General, on the assumption that MINUCI would be a peacekeeping operation financed under the peacekeeping scale, went on to recommend that the Assembly take the following action:

(a) Establishment of a special account for MINUCI for the purpose of accounting for income received and expenditure incurred in respect of the Mission;

(b) Appropriation of the amount of $1,009,700, equal to the expenditure incurred for the period 13 May-30 June 2003 from the amount of $1,746,200 previously authorized by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) for that period in connection with the establishment of the Mission;

(c) Appropriation of the amount of $28,872,000, for the operation of the Mission for the 12-month period 1 July 2003-30 June 2004, inclusive of the amount of $12,234,400 previously authorized by ACABQ for the period 1 July-31 December 2003;

(d) Assessment of the amount of $1,009,700 for the period 13 May-30 June 2003;

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(e) Assessment of the amount of $10,666,600 for the period 1 July-13 November 2003;

(f) Assessment of the amount of $18,205,400 at a monthly rate of $2,406,000, for the period 14 November 2003-30 June 2004, should the Security Council decide to continue the mandate of the Mission.

3. In an exchange of letters dated 13 and 27 October 2003 between the President of the Security Council and the Secretary-General, the Secretary-General took careful note of the views of the Security Council that the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat should administer MINUCI as a special political mission for budgetary purposes and indicated that the matter had been transmitted to the President of the General Assembly in accordance with Article 17 (2) of the Charter of the United Nations (see A/58/535). In a letter dated 29 October 2003 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/58/12), the matter was transmitted to the Fifth Committee for its consideration.

4. In its resolution 1514 (2003) of 13 November 2003, the Security Council decided that the mandate of MINUCI would be extended until 4 February 2004.

5. Consequently, should the General Assembly decide that MINUCI should be financed under the regular budget, resources amounting to $13,865,700 gross ($13,414,500 net) for the period 13 May 2003-31 December 2003 would be required for appropriation under the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003. This would be in addition to the requirements identified in the second performance report. Further, for the period 1 January-4 February 2004, resources amounting to $2,343,900 gross ($2,172,400 net) would arise under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, which would be met within the provision for special political missions already sought under paragraph 3.56 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.